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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SO, ET, NI, US

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY UNDER SIEGE

1. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAILU KEBEDE REPORTS THAT AS OF 1350 HOURS AUGUST 23 THE SOMALI POLICE ARE OUTSIDE HIS CHANCERY AND THAT HE IS A "PRISONER" IN THE BUILDING.

2. THIS MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN FIRST BY NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR KOLO, WHO TELEPHONED AT 1230 HOURS AT HAILU'S REQUEST. HAILU TELEPHONED PERSONALLY AT 1350 HOURS. KOLO ASKED IF AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN COULD DO SOMETHING FOR HAILU. HAILU MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR HELP. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT HAILU WANTED THE EMBASSY TO GET WORD TO THE EPMG AND DID NOT SPEAK OUT FOR FEAR OF COMPROMISING AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN.

3. FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY TELEPHONE LISTENERS, AMBASSADOR REFERRED KOLO AND HAILU TO THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE MEANING AND GRAVITY OF THE INCIDENT AT THE PRESENT TIME. IF ANY USE IS MADE OF THIS INFORMATION, ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO PREVENT THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT (THIS EMBASSY) FROM BECOMING KNOWN. OBVIOUSLY, THE SOMALIS WOULD NOT BE PLEASED TO LEARN OF ANY APPARENT AMERICAN INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIR.

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